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Cong. Kind Response to State of the Union Address

Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) issued the following statement in reaction to President Bush's State of the Union:

"In November, voters across the country voiced their dissatisfaction with the course of the nation. I look forward to finding common ground with the President so that we can move the nation forward on behalf of the American people."

"Recently, the President announced that he wants to escalate the war in Iraq despite overwhelming opposition from the American people and some of his own generals. What we need is a new direction in Iraq, not an escalation. Further, it is imperative that we work with the Arab League and engage Syria and Iran so that they can play a constructive, rather than destructive, role."

"The President was right last year when he stated that America's greatest advantage in the world is our educated, hardworking and ambitious people. In order to remain competitive, we must fully fund No Child Left Behind and increase research in the basic physical sciences so that are our universities can continue to be engines of innovation. Unfortunately, the President has shortchanged No Child Left Behind and done little to make college more affordable and accessible."

"I agree with the President that America must become energy independent. It is time that we invest in the Midwest, not Middle East. The same technologies that will help make America energy independent will also help us tackle global warming. Investing in alternative fuels and technologies will improve our environment, produce jobs, and increase our national security."

"A record high 47 million Americans lack basic health coverage. I want to work with the President to help reduce the ranks of the uninsured. That is why I authored the Small Employer Health Benefits Program Act, legislation that would allow a nationwide pooling of small businesses and farms, allowing them to band together and have a greater ability to afford coverage."